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Editorial Quotes

## ¶1. CHINA'S SECURITY

"Volatile situation in areas neighboring China tests China's response capability" (pg 4)

The official Xinhua News Agency international news publication International Herald Leader (Guoji Xianqu Daobao) (08/31): "China's rise will face greater challenges if the security environment in the areas neighboring China continues to deteriorate. Chinese experts argue that a complicated and chaotic 'belt' of security challenges including nuclear weapons, gambling, drugs, and terrorism, surrounds China. Few countries in the world face as complicated a security environment as China. The U.S., the superpower, is geographically situated far away in North America, which allows it to achieve hegemony. China's diplomatic focus should be on Asia, but up to this point China has not focused enough on its Asia policy. The U.S., Japan, and South Korea have formed a small NATO in Northeast Asia, closing off China to the east. In addition, India is increasing its control over the Indian Ocean and plans to collaborate with the U.S., Japan, and Australia in this area. of these countries have obvious plans to contain China, particularly The U.S. has even reached tacit agreement on this point with small countries neighboring China.'

## 12. CCI CORPORATE BRIBERY CASE

"State-owned companies should not always supervise themselves" (pg 15)

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(08/31): (Related to the Control Components Inc. (a U.S. company) bribery case) "The State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration has established a special investigation team to look into the recent bribery case involving China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC). This is a critical step in supervising state-owned enterprises. CNPC's recent purchase of a commercial real estate venture at one third of the announced price has created wide-spread controversy. The CNPC responded by conducting an internal investigation, which the public does not trust at all. The public lacks confidence in CNPC's determination and capability to investigate its internal problems. Therefore, state-owned enterprises' self-supervision should stop. The active measures taken by the State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration in investigating the CCI bribery case should serve as a lesson for CNPC's real estate purchase."

## 13. U.S.-CHINA "BASKETBALL DIPLOMACY"

"'Basketball diplomacy' shows development of China-U.S. relations" (pg 3)

The official Communist Youth League China Youth Daily (Zhongguo

Qingnianbao)(08/31): "The Washington Wizards' visit to China at Deng Xiaoping's invitation 30 years ago witnessed the normalization of U.S.-China relations. To commemorate this event, the Wizards will visit China again starting on September 5. The Wizards are very proud of their historic role in the development of China-U.S. relations. At a reception held in Washington, China's Ambassador to the U.S., Zhou Wenzhong, said the Wizards' visit to China will have historic significance. The visit will not only commemorate the 30th anniversary of China-U.S. relations, but will also be beneficial for enhancing exchanges between the 'sister cities,' Beijing and Washington. During the first China-U.S. Strategic and Economic Dialogue last month, President Obama gave Vice Premier Wang Qishan a basketball with his signature on it as a gift, which was seen as symbolic of the dialogue. The Washington Wizards' return to China, 30 years later, will help turn a new page in China-U.S. relations. 'Basketball diplomacy' seems to be playing an increasingly important role in China-U.S. relations."

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